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**2009 INPRA CONFERENCE**  
INTERNATIONAL NORTHWEST PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
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Tacoma, WA 98405





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## The Essence of Tacoma & Pierce County

Creative culture. City sophistication. Mesmerizing landscapes and waterfront entertainment. Tacoma is ideally situated along saltwater shores - less than an hour away from Mount Rainier. Parks, gardens and wildlife make this a nature wonderland. There's plenty to keep you busy - both inside and out.

**MOUNT RAINIER** - Catch glorious glimpses of the mountain with or without snow.

**NARROWS BRIDGE** - The fifth largest suspension bridge in the world. The previous bridge, nicknamed "Galloping Gertie," collapsed in 1940.

**POINT DEFIANCE PARK** - Explore more than 14 miles of urban trails, a rose garden, Japanese garden and rocky beaches. While you're there, check out Fort Nisqually Living History Museum and discover the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.

**RUSTON WAY WATERFRONT** - A two-mile promenade perfect for jogging, biking and parasailing. Enjoy the scenery and stop for a bite to eat.

**MUSEUM DISTRICT** - See what all the buzz is about. You may even get to make your own art or witness a world-renowned artist at work.

**SHOP** - Trendy and unique boutiques in downtown, Proctor and Stadium Districts. Don't miss the bustling Antique Row with more than 25 shops and services.

**WRIGHT PARK** - This local hang-out is rich with history, a new bocce ball court and several walking trails. Visit the W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory featuring 500 species of exotic tropical foliage.

AND on top of all of this, **WE'VE GOT FUN AND QUIRKY COVERED!**

[www.MetroParksTacoma.org](http://www.MetroParksTacoma.org)  
[www.TravelTacoma.com](http://www.TravelTacoma.com)  
[www.CityofTacoma.org](http://www.CityofTacoma.org)  
[www.WSDOT.WA.gov](http://www.WSDOT.WA.gov)



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## Special Events

**GOLF TOURNAMENT AT MEADOW PARK GOLF COURSE - Tuesday, September 8; 11:30 am-6 pm** - Established in 1915, this beautiful and challenging par 71, 6,145 yard, 18-hole championship course is one of three golf courses recently selected by Stewardship Partners' new "Salmon Safe Program" to help develop a pilot program for sustainable environmental practices. Find more information at [www.meadowparkgolf.com](http://www.meadowparkgolf.com). Tee times will be scheduled beginning at 11:30 am. \$65 per person includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, special gift and fun with colleagues. Quality rental sets available.

**OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DAN MILLER - Wednesday, September 9; 9:00-10:00 am** - "Living, Laughing and Loving Life!" - A humorous inspirational positive attitude message to remind us to enjoy every day, like ourselves just the way we are, and that putdowns hurt and compliments help. Stories with lots of humor will remind all that problems do exist, but misery is optional, joy is a choice and your dreams can come true. Dan Miller is a Retired Educator, Author & full time speaker from Yakima, Washington.

**PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL - Wednesday, September 9; 7:00-10:00 pm**  
**Harmon Brewery & Restaurant - Tacoma's Gathering Place** - This local restaurant, located in the heart of Tacoma's Downtown Museum and University District, is the place to be Wednesday night. INPRA guests will have the opportunity to sample ales and learn about them from Harmon's experienced and friendly staff, receive special by-the-pint pricing, complimentary appetizers to get the evening started, and enjoy 5 delicious menu offerings for \$10 per person (tax and gratuity included).



**EXHIBITORS/TRADESHOW - Thursday, September 10; 10:45-1:45 pm** - Visit over 20 exhibitors and displays while you enjoy your lunch outdoors at Point Defiance Park.

**TRIPS & TOURS - Thursday, September 10; 1:45-5:00 pm**  
**"Behind the Scenes" at Fort Nisqually Living History Museum and Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium** - Fort Nisqually recently added an Education Building and Interpretive Center. Hear how the project was completed, challenges with maintenance and operations and more. Then it's on to see the inner workings of a world-class zoo, walk the ledge on the shark tank, and get up close and personal with a raptor. You'll hear from interpretive, animal care, facility maintenance and horticulture staff about how they coordinate all their services to provide an exceptional experience.

**Horticulture / Gardens Tour** - Take a narrated strolling tour with staff through the seven specialty gardens at Point Defiance Park and learn how we partner with plant societies and garden clubs to keep the gardens looking beautiful. Then travel to historic Wright Park with its collection of state and national registered 'big' trees, and take an interpretive tour of the W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory where exotic tropical plants and floral displays await you. 3,000 panes of glass make up the dome and wings of the Conservatory.

**CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SENATOR DEBBIE REGALA - Friday, September 11; 7:45-9:00 am** - "How Parks and Recreation Can Help Re-Create Communities and Individuals" - Sen. Regala was elected to the Senate in 2000. Prior to that, she served in the House of Representatives from 1994 to 2000. She served as the Majority Whip from 2005 to present. She has now been named the Caucus Vice Chair with the task of communicating top Democratic issues to her colleagues. Sen. Regala served as President of the Board of Park Commissioners for Metro Parks Tacoma in 1989 and 1991 and was on the Board of Directors for Point Defiance Zoological Society for six years.



## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 SESSIONS

9:00-10:00 am . . . . . Welcome Keynote  
**Living, Laughing and Loving Life - Dan Miller** (see Special Events section)

10:15 am-12:00 pm . . . Opening Session  
**Park Audit - Leon Younger** Session sponsored by PROS Consulting, LLC  
 PROS consulting will share why park and recreation agencies should perform audits of their people, costs, processes, systems, and equipment so they understand the needs and constraints of delivering day to day services and then how to apply this knowledge to formulate recommendations that can be implemented.

1:30-2:30 pm . . . . . Educational Sessions  
**Athletic Field Design & Restoration - Bruce Dees and Associates**  
 Learn the cutting edge design and restoration practices to produce high quality athletic fields.  
**Green Tacoma Partnership - Kathy Sutalo & Chris Gilliland**  
 Connecting stewardship groups, providing resources and training, and organizing public outreach to restore and maintain viable, healthy natural spaces.  
**Creating Supportive & Health-Promoting Work Environments - Sheila Pudists & Janet Bissell**  
 Ways to get healthy and practice wellness at the worksite. Information will cover health statistics, medical insurance cost increases, and the aging workforce.

2:45-3:45 pm . . . . . Educational Sessions  
**Involving Operations Staff in Capital Projects - Dick Ramsey**  
 Follow capital program structure from initial scope thru selecting and working with designers and construction firms to manage best results.  
**Green Chemicals and Products - Roger McFadden**  
 Ten simple principles for cleaning and greening your cleaning program and supply chain without sacrificing performance or profit.  
**Preserving Historic Assets - Melissa McGinnis**  
 Preservation methods and the role of historic assets in building community pride and understanding.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 SESSIONS

8:15-9:15 am . . . . . Educational Sessions  
**Aiming for Excellent Skate Parks - Pete Whitley**  
 An exploration of the design decisions that lead to excellent skateboarding facilities that the whole community can enjoy.  
**Crime Prevention through Environmental Design - Mike Teskey**  
 Enhance safety by altering physical design and encouraging positive social interaction.  
**Inclusion/ADA - Roxanne Miles & Gail Himes**  
 Park design, maintenance and program decisions - ways to reassess parks and facilities to make them more inclusive, accessible and welcoming.

9:30-10:30 am . . . . . Educational Sessions  
**Play Area Management - Chris Donahue**  
 The future of play depends on providing children with experiences that will allow them to grow and develop while safely challenging them to explore the world of play. Kompan will share innovative designs and concepts involved with comprehensive play area management.  
**Successful Event Management - Phedra Redifer & Lori Crace**  
 Gain helpful insight on ways to connect your team that leads to successful management and production of your event.  
**The Return on Sustainability - Kevin Wilhelm**  
 Real world examples of things parks are doing around the country, and the financial and sustainability benefits they are receiving.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 SESSIONS

7:45-9:00 am . . . . . Closing Keynote  
**How Parks and Recreation Can Help Re-Create Communities and Individuals - Senator Debbie Regala** (see Special Events section)

### SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE\*

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

12:00-4:00 pm . . . . . Hotel Check In/Registration Open  
 11:30 am-6:00 pm . . . . . Golf Tournament  
 6:00 pm . . . . . Board Meeting  
 6:00-7:00 pm . . . . . Dinner on your own

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 am-4:00 pm . . . . . Hotel Check In/Registration Open  
 7:30-8:30 am . . . . . Breakfast Buffet  
 8:45-9:00 am . . . . . Welcome  
 9:00-10:00 am . . . . . Opening Keynote  
 10:00-10:15 am . . . . . Break  
 10:15 am-12:00 pm . . . . . Opening Session  
 12:00-12:15 pm . . . . . Break  
 12:15-1:15 pm . . . . . Lunch at Hotel  
 1:15-1:30 pm . . . . . Break  
 1:30-2:30 pm . . . . . Educational Sessions  
 2:30-2:45 pm . . . . . Break  
 2:45-3:45 pm . . . . . Educational Sessions  
 3:45-7:00 pm . . . . . Break/Dinner on your own  
 7:00 pm . . . . . President's Social

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00 am-4:00 pm . . . . . Hotel Check In/Registration Open  
 7:00-8:00 am . . . . . Breakfast Buffet  
 8:00-8:15 am . . . . . Break  
 8:15-9:15 am . . . . . Educational Sessions  
 9:15-9:30 am . . . . . Break  
 9:30-10:30 am . . . . . Educational Sessions  
 10:30-10:45 am . . . . . Break  
 10:45 am-1:45 pm . . . . . Lunch with Exhibitors (off-site)  
 1:45-5:00 pm . . . . . Trips & Tours  
 5:00-6:00 pm . . . . . Break  
 6:00-7:00 pm . . . . . No Host Social  
 7:00-9:00 pm . . . . . Banquet/Sit Down Dinner/Entertainment

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00-7:45 am . . . . . Continental Breakfast  
 7:45-8:15 am . . . . . Business Meeting  
 8:15-9:15 am . . . . . Closing Keynote

\* Schedule subject to change



## Registration Application

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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Early Bird Deadline July 31, 2009 .....	Rate: \$ 265.00	
After July 31, 2009 .....	Rate: \$ 300.00	
Daily Rate for September 10, 2009 only (just includes lunch) .....	Rate: \$ 120.00	
Additional Banquet Tickets (not included in daily rate) .....	Rate: \$ 40.00	_____ (number needed)
Golf Tournament .....	Rate: \$ 65.00 with cart	_____ (number needed)
	Rate: \$ 50.00 walking	_____ (number needed)

Any special needs during the conference?  Vegetarian/Banquet  Vegetarian/Exhibitor Lunch  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check if attending:**

- Golf Tournament  September 8 (Tee times will be scheduled beginning at 11:30 am)
- Tours (choose one)  "Behind the Scenes" at Fort Nisqually Living History Museum and Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium
- Horticulture / Gardens Tour

**Please make check, money order or purchase order (in US \$) payable to INPRA and send to:**

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**Hotel Information:**

Designed to celebrate Tacoma's growing art reputation - in particular art glass, thanks to Dale Chihuly - this downtown hotel features a world class art collection, including more than 45 pieces of international glass art. Even the rooms display sketches of the artists' inspiration.

**The Hotel Murano** (hotel costs not included in conference rate)  
1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98402  
(877) 986-8083 or (253) 238-8000  
(Conference Rates: \$118 single / \$138 double not including fees/taxes)  
www.HotelMuranoTacoma.com  
Check in: 3 pm Check out: 11 am

